IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

Cr.M.P.(M) No. 390 of 2007

Date of decision 22.6.2007

Ved Bhardwaj **…Applicant.**

Versus

State of H.P. **… Respondent.**

Coram

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice : Surjit Singh, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting? No

For the applicant : Mr. Sandeep Kaushik, Advocate.

For the respondent : Mr. Ashok Chaudhary, Addl. A.G.

Surjit Singh, Judge (Oral)

Heard and gone through the record.

2. Applicant is employed as a Civil Nazir in a Judicial Court. Among others, his duty was to receive money from litigants on account of witnesses' expenses and to deposit them in Sheriffs Petty Account. In 25 cases he received money from various litigants but did not account for the same in Sheriffs Petty Account books nor did he deposit that money in the Sheriffs Petty Account with the Government treasury. The total amount received by him in 25 cases comes to Rs.23,550/-. A part of the money has since been deposited by him, of course, after the detection of the fraud.

Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

3. The matter being of serious nature involving violation of faith of the public in the judicial system, I do not think this is a fit case for grant of bail before arrest. Hence the application is dismissed.

June 22, 2007 (BC) **(Surjit Singh), J.**